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## WEEKEND

### FRIDAY

#### Fest Africa

The African Students Association presents Fest Africa 2010, which will include live singing, dancing and poetry. Starts at 7 p.m. on the Main Mall.

#### Executions

Kenneth Land, a Duke University professor, gives a talk on Texas executions and short-term deterrence. Starts at 12 p.m. in Burdine 214.

### SATURDAY

#### Books

The Texas Book Festival, which marks its fifteenth anniversary this year, kicks off at the Texas Capitol and the Paramount Theatre. Starts at 10 a.m. and runs through Sunday.

#### Outdoor art

The Art Ride will take bicylists on an easy ride around campus to view public art projects. Ride departs from Mellow Johnny's Bike Shop on Nueces Street at 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY

#### Day of the dead

Celebrate Dia de los Muertos when Grupo Flor y Canto presents their dance show, Las Calacas. Starts at 3 p.m. in the Texas Union Theater.

#### Funnyman

Comedian Aziz Ansari performs his stand-up act at the Paramount Theater. Tickets are \$39 and show starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Campus watch

#### Stolen jacket

**PERRY-CASTANEDA LIBRARY, 101 E. 21st St.**  
Theft: A dark grey wool Columbia jacket was stolen after being left unattended and unsecured inside the Periodicals section of the library. During the investigation, the officers searched the area with negative results. Loss value: Occurred on: Tuesday, between 2 p.m. and 10 p.m.

# Oil companies impact UT research

By Collin Eaton  
Daily Texan Staff

A UT research contract with 10 oil companies fosters biased research in favor of industry interests, according to a report released Thursday by the progressive think tank Center for American Progress.

The Advanced Energy Consortium is a three-year, \$30 million contract between UT and 10 oil companies, including ConocoPhillips and BP America Inc., to research

micro- and nanotechnology. The contract created a technical review board to oversee faculty research ideas and sign off on research decisions — a board made up of 10 oil company representatives and four independent researchers.

The report highlights 10 contracts between universities and the oil industry, which author Jennifer Washburn said skews research toward corporate profits.

Scott Tinker, the UT representative on the

governing board of the energy consortium, said the report is an inaccurate representation of the research consortium.

The report also discussed contracts at Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley and Texas A&M University, among other schools.

"What we found was that the contract language in these 10 agreements did not always protect academic freedom and transparency, exactly the characteristics of the

academy that make universities so credible for research and development," said Kate Gordon, CAP's vice president for energy policy. "These characteristics made the corporations go to them in the first place."

The report states that the oil companies are the real drivers behind AEC's research, the main research initiative originated from the oil company representatives

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# Flooding strikes close to home



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Just days after UT Anthropology PhD student Hafeez Jamali returned to Austin for the fall semester, his home village in southern Pakistan had been flooded, and was under several feet of water. Since then he has worked collaboratively with other UT students to raise money to assist those affected by the flooding through a group they started called Fighting the Flood.

## Graduate student works to provide aid to family, survivors in Pakistani village

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

Hafeez Jamali smiles when he describes Chowki, the southern Pakistani village where he grew up. He led a simple life growing up with his extended family playing cricket after school and running home from the onion fields to his mother's arms for a snack of sweet bread and yogurt milk.

The corners of Jamali's mouth turned down as he said Chowki is a ruin of the vibrant home it once was. After August floods that dis-

placed 20 million people and destroyed 4,700 villages in southern Pakistan, only eight or 10 structures still stand of the 150 that once crowded Chowki.

"I was hoping to go back to Pakistan in the winter, and I'm thinking what am I going to go back to when our village is destroyed?" said Jamali, who is now an anthropology doctoral student at UT. "This is just a temporary place. When I think of home, when I think of the



Courtesy of Aziz Jamali

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## UTPD gives explanation on Tooley's gun access

By Aziza Musa  
Daily Texan Staff

The AK-47 rifle UT mathematics sophomore Colton Tooley used on Sept. 28 was a gift from his father, UT police said Thursday.

UTPD Chief Robert Dahlstrom said Tooley took a Capital Metro bus that day from his home in South Austin to the UT campus with the gun in his backpack with its stock removed. Dahlstrom said websites Tooley visited suggest that he may have had depression, but police have not yet identified a motive for the shooting.

"There were some websites that he visited that showed he possibly did have depression," Dahlstrom said. "They may have indicated he was looking for help or discovering things on them, but as far as we know, he wasn't taking any medications."

Police said there is not an ongoing threat and that no one else is involved. Dahlstrom said Tooley was a loner, and everybody investigators have talked to who knew him didn't know him well.

Tooley wrote in a class assignment that his parents frequently argued about gun violence.

"I've grown up in a household where my mother is absolutely appalled by guns, and my dad grew up with them out in rural Oklahoma and sees them as an extraordinary part of life," he wrote.

Tooley boarded a Capital Metro bus in South Austin, most likely the 101 or the 1L/1M routes, at about 7:22 a.m. with the rifle in his backpack.

He got off nearly 50 minutes later on Guadalupe Street, where he changed into a black suit jacket and a cloth ski mask.

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## Quote to note

"We need to get away from this idea that it's all about convenience and refocus on the fact that the parent is making this impact on their child's whole entire life. Young children are having adult diseases because of their food choices."

— Deanna Staskel  
UT human ecology lecturer

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Eugenia Willingham, Cameron Todd Willingham's step-mother, wipes away a tear as she listens to Doctor Gerald Hurst's testimony during her son's exoneration trial at the Thurman-Blackwell Justice Center on Thursday afternoon.

Caleb Bryant Miller  
Daily Texan Staff

## Court order delays innocence trial

By Aziza Musa  
Daily Texan Staff

An appellate court ordered a local judge to halt proceedings that could potentially exonerate convicted arsonist Cameron Todd Willingham after nearly four hours of testimony Thursday.

The trial was originally scheduled for Oct. 6, but Navarro County District Attorney R. Low-

ell Thompson filed a motion for Judge Charlie Baird to disqualify himself from the case. Baird served on a court that previously deliberated on Willingham's case, which Thompson said could indicate a bias.

The judge denied the motion and continued to hear testimonies from those wishing to clear Willingham's name.

Thompson, who left the courtroom after the motion was denied, petitioned for Baird not to issue his decision of Willingham's exoneration. The state appellate court granted Thompson a stay until they make a decision.

Willingham was accused of setting fire to his Corsicana home

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# Program offering HIV medication faces lack of funds

By Nolan Hicks  
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas HIV Medication Program provides medication for more than 15,000 low income Texans and is facing considerable financial strain caused by the rising cost of HIV medicine, as well as a growing number of people who need assistance.

To keep up, the Texas Department of State Health Services has requested an extra \$20-30 million for the medication program over the next two years. It's not clear where that money would come from as Texas faces a budget deficit, which lawmakers now estimate may be as high as \$24 billion because of a shortfall in property tax revenue.

He was a 19-year-old sophomore at UT when he discovered he was HIV positive.

The student, whose name was withheld to protect his privacy, said his life changed forever when the test came back — the results were reported to the federal government. He had to tell a social worker the names of every person he'd ever had sex with. The social worker in turn had to notify each individual they had been exposed and needed to be tested.

"They sent the results to my permanent address, which I didn't know," he said. "My mom discovered [I had HIV] by opening the mail."

Since his income is less than \$17,700 dollars a year, his HIV medicine is paid for by the Texas HIV Medication Program, which is run by State Health Services.

The deficit has already resulted in

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## Obama urges judge to delay 'don't ask, don't tell' ruling

By Anne Flaherty & Pete Yost  
The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — After two days of silence, the Obama administration urged a federal judge on Thursday to let the military press on with its "don't ask, don't tell" ban on gays serving openly in the military. Still, President Barack Obama insisted the policy that has divided the nation for two decades "will end on my watch."

The Pentagon said the military "will of course obey the law" and halt enforcement while the case is still in question. But gay rights advocates cautioned gay service members to avoid revealing their sexuality in the meantime.

A federal judge abruptly threw out the Clinton-era ban on Tues-

day, setting in motion a legal, political and human-rights back-and-forth that put the administration on the spot just two weeks before crucial midterm elections. Obama has consistently argued against the ban, approved by Congress in 1993. But he says it is up to Congress to repeal it.

The policy, summed up as "don't ask, don't tell," refers to guidance that gay or lesbian Americans can serve in the military but not openly. Their superiors are forbidden to ask about sexual orientation, but service members can be thrown out or denied enlistment if they talk about being gay or let it be known that they engage in homosexual acts.

Obama's Justice Department

asked U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips to stay her ruling that overturned the ban while the government prepares a formal appeal. Asking the judge for a response by Monday — "given the urgency and gravity of the issues" — the government said that suddenly ending the ban would be disruptive and "irreparably harm the public interest in a strong and effective military."

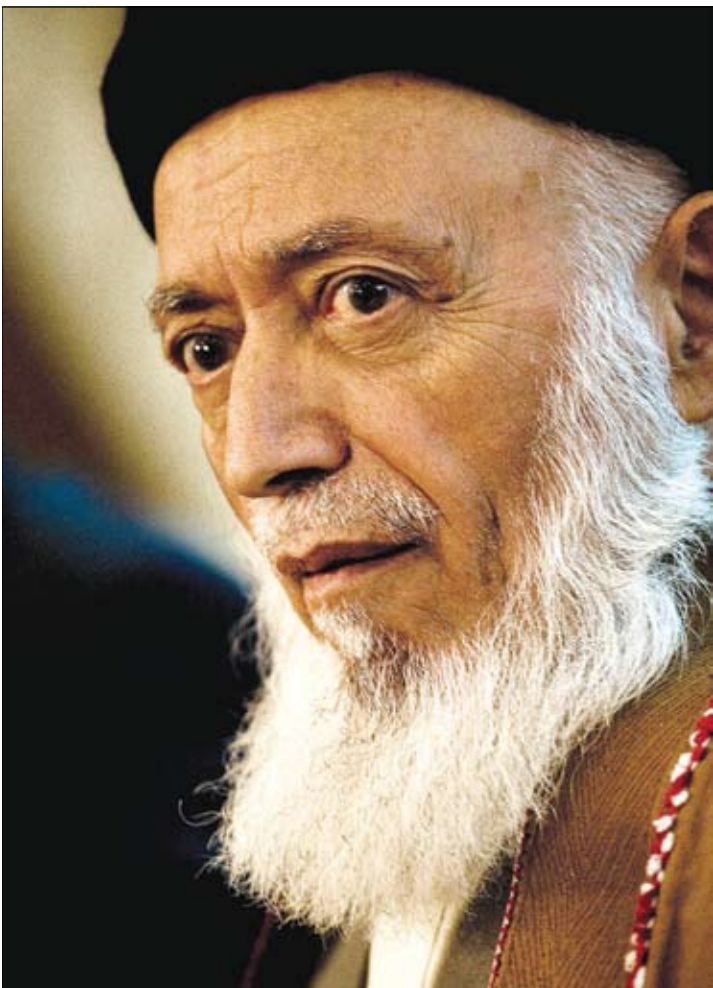
Obama, challenged Thursday at a town hall meeting by a Howard University faculty member who questioned his "alleged commitment to equality for all Americans, gay and straight," said his stance has not wavered. He can't end the ban with the stroke of a pen, he said, but "we're going to end this policy."

## UNIVERSITY BUDGET WOES



Ariana Cubillos | Associated Press

University students chant slogans in Caracas, Venezuela, on Thursday. Students, teachers and university workers marched to demand a budget for public universities and for alleged unpaid salaries.



Dusan Vranic | Associated Press

Former Afghan president and chief of a new peace council  
Burhanuddin Rabbani holds a press conference on Thursday in Kabul.

## US reverses direction, supports Taliban talks

By Anne Gearan & Deb Riechmann  
The Associated Press  
KABUL, Afghanistan — The Obama administration on Thursday endorsed fragile Afghan efforts to negotiate peace with the Taliban, backing off its prior stance that talks with the Taliban were premature until the war is all but won.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who only last month had said it was too soon for high-level reconciliation talks, struck a different chord at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium.

"Whenever opportunities arise that are worth exploring, I think we ought to take advantage of that," Gates said.

Senior U.S. officials have long said they didn't expect the Taliban to talk peace as long as the militants believed they were winning, and at least some administration officials had been cool to peace feelers put forth by President Hamid Karzai.

The new acceptance of reconciliation could be seen as an admission that the war is going badly. Or it may reflect the view of U.S. military commanders that NATO troops have damaged the insurgency following the surge of more than 30,000 U.S. forces ordered by President Barack Obama.

Some administration officials recently said stepped-up NATO operations, as well as U.S. drone attacks on militants across the border in Pakistan, have shaken the Taliban enough to coax them into negotiations.

Publicizing U.S. support for

any peace talks also could be a sign that the administration is looking for ways to demonstrate a commitment to ending the war short of calling home large numbers of troops. The war has claimed the lives of more than 2,000 NATO troops, including at least 1,228 Americans. Gates spoke on a day that eight NATO service members were killed across Afghanistan.

There have been no formal negotiations yet between the Afghan government and the Taliban, only some contacts and signals, according to the Afghan government.

Former Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani, leader of the country's newly formed peace council, said Thursday that the Taliban have not completely rejected a peaceful resolution of the war.

"They have some conditions to start the negotiations process," he told a news conference. "It gives us hope that they want to talk and negotiate."

Those conditions are believed to include U.S. first releasing Taliban prisoners from Guantanamo Bay and the U.N. removing scores of militants from its sanctions list.

A senior NATO official said that coalition forces are now allowing safe passage for top Taliban leaders to attend talks — some of them in Kabul.

But Taliban representatives insisted Thursday they will not negotiate so long as foreign troops occupy their country, saying no one who speaks for the group is in talks with the Afghan government.

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VIEWPOINT

Breach of trust

The Texas Association of Community Colleges submitted a complaint Tuesday to the state attorney general accusing the UT College of Education of inappropriately reallocating money from restricted funds intended to finance community college research and support.

The association raises and donates funds to support the Community College Leadership Program (CCLP), a graduate program within the College of Education that helps students hone the skills necessary to serve as leaders at community colleges.

Education Dean Manuel Justiz “expressed his intention” that the A.M. Aikin Chair in Community College Leadership will not be replaced after the current chair leaves the department in December to serve as president of the American Association of Community Colleges, according to the complaint.

However, the funds for the position exist and the reassignment is “an unethical bait and switch that usurps the trust of the donors that funded the position,” the association said in a letter to President William Powers Jr. dated July 23.

The dean has assigned two tenured faculty members to oversee one or two dissertations per year until someone in the CCLP is appointed to fill the chair position, said Provost Steven Leslie in a letter last week to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Though they will not be holders of the endowment, they will be compensated with money from the endowment. Leslie affirmed that this practice was “fully legal.”

In the letter, Leslie cited the budget crisis as the reasoning behind the delay. However, if the position is funded by an endowment, the University’s budget should remain irrelevant. The chair position should be filled by a member of the CCLP, one who is qualified to understand the demands of the program and its students and one who has a commitment to supporting community colleges.

Additionally, Leslie said it “may be true to some extent” that the college is reallocating funds from CCLP initiatives to other areas of the college’s budget. The funds will support graduate students — even those not in the program — because the funds “exceed the demands for them” and that the move should not impair the CCLP, he said in the letter.

The association raises and donates money to fund the department’s efforts in supporting community colleges, not to help the College of Education meet other needs. Any excess funds should stay within the program’s budget to further support and advance its mission. Outsourcing them may not impair the program, but it certainly hinders the potential the program could achieve with the additional funds.

The inappropriate reallocation of funds undermines the trust between the University and the association. Ultimately, this breach of trust could threaten the future of the program if the association chooses to no longer provide funds.

Last week, President Barack Obama hosted the first White House Summit on Community Colleges, affirming the role these institutions will play in America’s educational future. Community colleges are expected to award 5 million degrees and certificates in the next decade. However, community colleges can only succeed with strong leadership and with support from the state and other higher education institutions.

— Viviana Aldous for the editorial board

By Brandon Curl  
Daily Texan Columnist

With the first round of exams upon us, I have a message for all residents of the UT campus.

To all teachers, lecturers, professors and assigners of grades everywhere I say, “Down with the curve!”

To all students I say, “Bear with me.”

I recognize that calling for an end to a grading policy that typically results in a grade increase will be unpopular. Essentially, in making this argument, I feel like the student who asks “What about the homework?” seconds before class lets out. Students, I hear your collective groans.

But hear me out. In the long run, abandoning the curve is the right thing to do.

The tried and true justification for grading on a curve is that it accounts for testing errors. How can we hold students accountable for exams when they are so often flawed and regularly fall short of actually measuring student achievement?

In essence, the curve is a method for normalizing student test scores to reflect performance relative to the group rather than to an absolute — and often flawed — standard.

On top of these justifications, students actually like the curve. As an undergraduate, the only thing that saved me from harrowing organic chemistry exams was partial credit and the hope that somehow I could eke out 50 percent.

Yes, 50 percent. Somehow knowing half of what I was supposed to was considered average and warranted a grade of “B.” These are the moments we start to say to ourselves, “Something’s not right here.”

What’s not right is that the curve, masquerading as a friend to students, is actually a means for teachers to avoid accountability.

Let me explain with

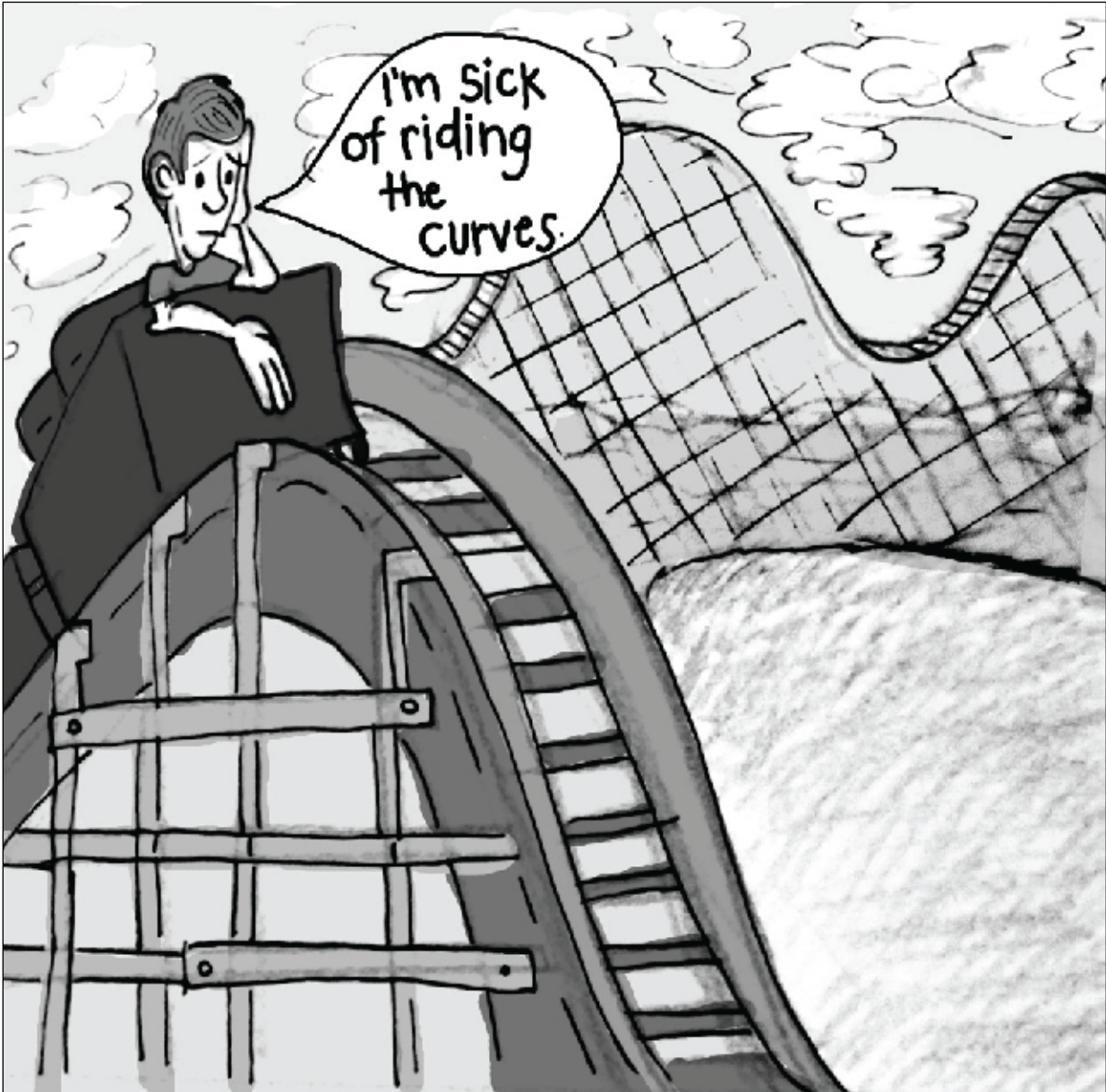


Illustration by Amelia Giller

a story.

Two years ago, I was giving my first test to students in my middle school science classroom.

As I began to grade the stack of papers that week-end, the early results were not promising. For a true/false question, one student had written “maybe,” and the average hovered around 40 percent.

When I returned the tests, the room of 13-year-olds revolted. Worse, my principal wasn’t happy. “You can’t fail this many kids,” I was told.

So what did I do? When the next test yielded identical results, I instituted a curve.

“What’s a curve?” they asked.

“It’s a method for normalizing data to account

for testing error,” I said.

“Huh,” they said.

“Bonus points,” I said.

Students were happier, and I was happier. When the semester was over, the students’ grades ended up about where you’d expect. The hard-working kids got A’s, the kids who did nothing failed and everyone else ended up somewhere in between.

“Good job,” I was told. But nothing had changed except the curve.

My students weren’t benefiting from the curve. As a teacher, I was hiding behind it.

I recognize that the quality of faculty at UT far exceeds my limited faculties and am not suggesting that UT professors engage in this type of deceptive behavior. But I am suggesting that curves prevent any sort of evaluation of teacher performance when students’ scores are automatically adjusted to the mean.

Still, the argument for the curve continues to persist.

“Students are both measured in an absolute sense and relative to their peers,” notes Dr. William Cunningham, former president of the University and one of my professors who grades on a curve. “This is how it is in the real world as well.”

“I think it is difficult to artificially impose a standard in which 90 percent is an A, 80 percent is a B, 70 percent is a C and 60 percent is a D,” Cunningham argues. “This is nothing more than a curve based

on an assumption that all exams are the same.”

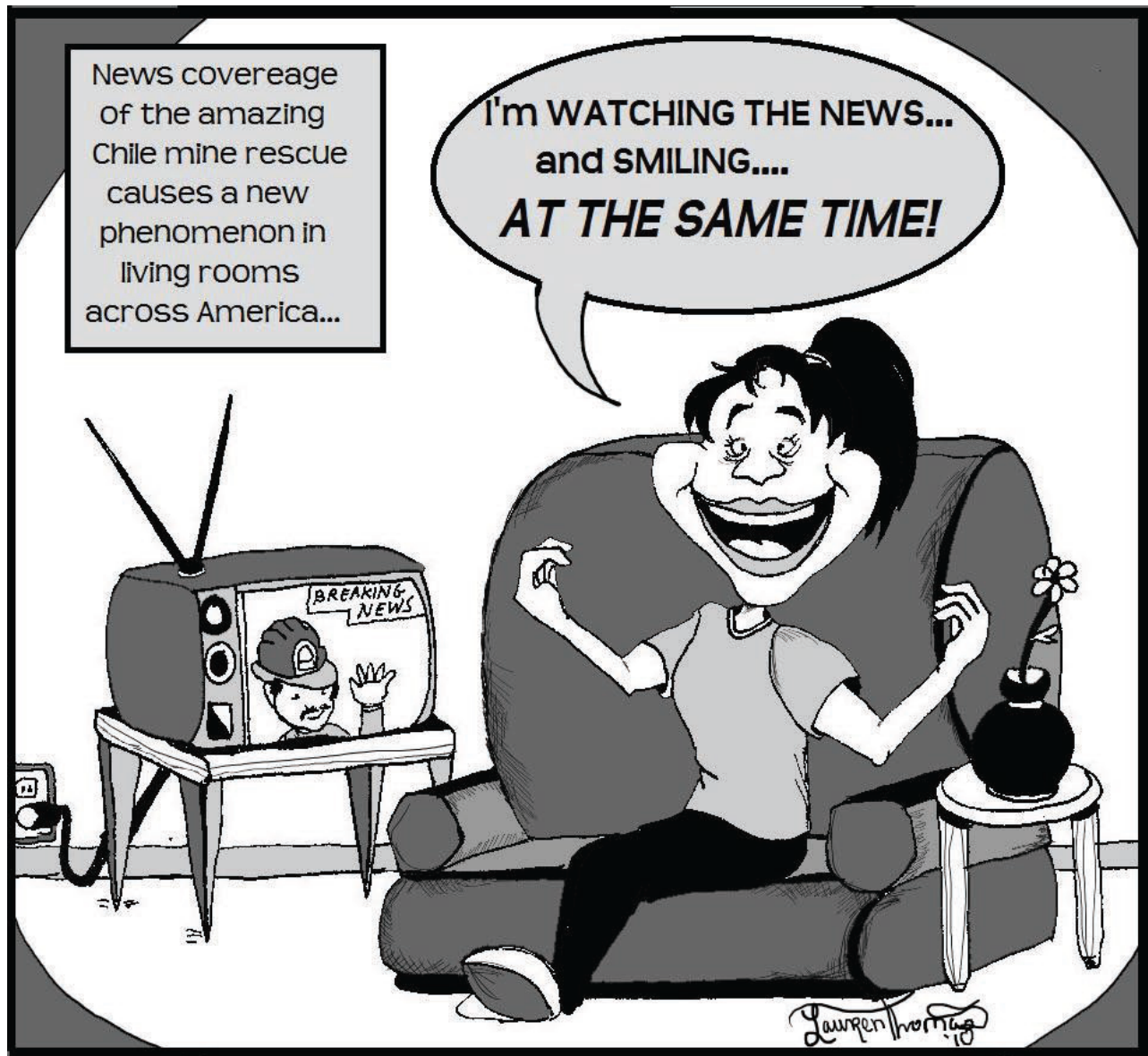
But these justifications, to me, suggest that we need to focus on designing more effective standards of assessment rather than superseding the process with a curve that imposes undue competition in a system where somebody has to fail.

Getting rid of the curve will lead to less competition between students and will hold faculty more accountable for their students’ performances.

Until that happens, Dr. Cunningham, if you’re reading this, I still would appreciate being graded on the curve for our last exam. Thanks.

Curl is an advertising graduate student.

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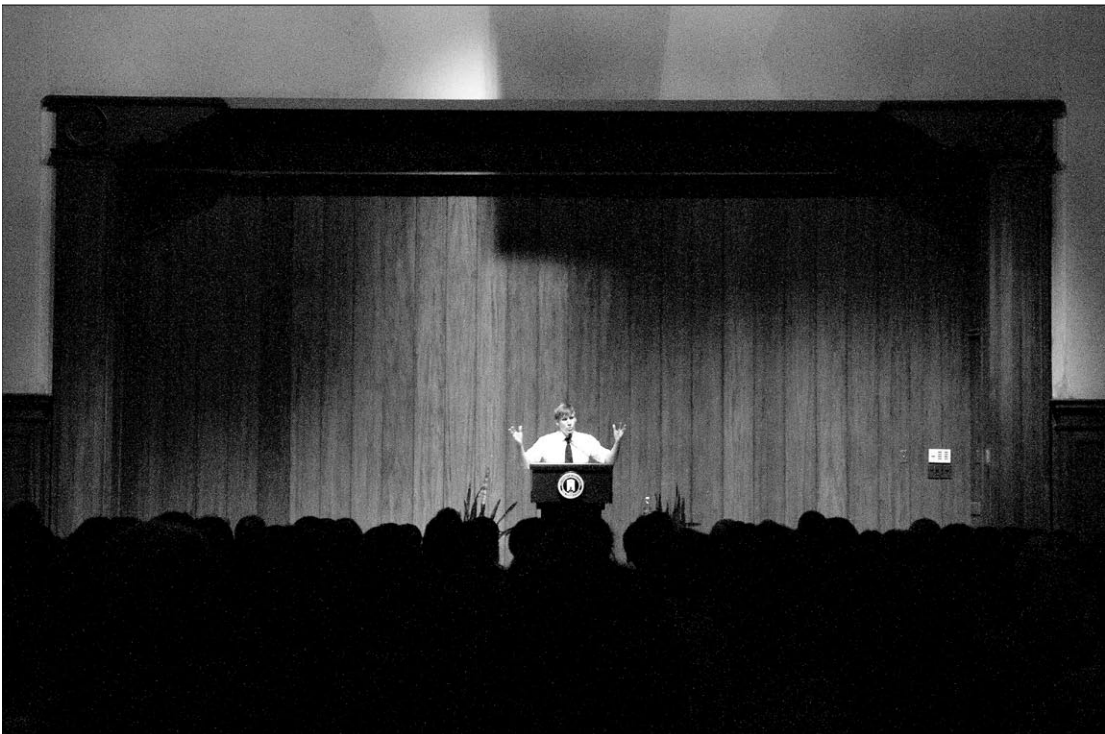
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Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff  
Dustin Lance Black, screenwriter of “Milk,” addresses students about the importance of passion and leadership to bring equality to GLBT citizens.

# ‘Milk’ screenwriter talks about his own sexuality

By Allie Kolečta  
Daily Texan staff  
Emotions ran high as students cried, came out and gave a standing ovation after a speech given by the “Milk” screenwriter on Thursday.

Academy Award winner Dustin Lance Black spoke in the Texas Union to around 600 students about the movie “Milk” and the GLBT civil rights movement.

Black told the story of his own realization that he was gay at the age of 6 and of his discovery of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay elected politician. Black grew up in the Mormon Church, fearing both the religious and political repercussions of his sexuality, he said.

“I knew I was going to hell. I knew I was a second-class citizen, so I thought, I’ve got two choices,” Black said. “No. 1 was to hide. No. 2, what I thought about constantly, was to take my own life. That should surprise no one. There is no spike in gay suicides right now. There is a spike in the media’s attention.”

Gay and lesbian kids are four

times more likely to attempt suicide than straight kids and are nine times more likely to die by suicide if they come from intolerant homes or environments, he said.

“Sadly, I think that most of the major gay and lesbian organizations in the past decade and a half have become myopic,” he said. “They’re so focused on gay and lesbian rights they forget how interrelated they are to other minority groups. The good news about this country is that at this point, we’re all minorities. It just depends on how you slice that pie. It’s about having your gay and lesbian organization associate with those other organizations so that you have the stories to humanize your struggle.”

The Student Events Center Distinguished Speakers Committee worked in conjunction with the Queer Student Alliance to bring Black to the University during National Coming Out Week, said Matt Bosch, a biomedical engineering senior and chairman of the Distinguished Speakers Committee. Black’s success can provide inspiration

for members of UT’s GLBT community, he said.

“Many gays and lesbians can look up to him and see that they can be just as successful,” Bosch said. “He can show them they have nothing to be upset about, they can be proud and they aren’t alone.”

Black’s story provided inspiration and motivation to help struggling members of the GLBT community on campus who might not be comfortable with their sexualities, said cultural anthropology sophomore Lexi Schooley after coming out to Black and attendees during the question-and-answer section.

“I’m so excited to get around campus and meet people and do whatever I can because I want to make a difference and help other people who felt the way I did,” she said. “It’s scary when you hold in truths you’re dealing with. Those were the things I found ugly about myself. That’s the thing, when you allow other people to see it, then you see it, too, and you realize that you’re still beautiful.”

# Task force continues process of increasing SG efficiency

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

The Student Government Reform Task Force entered the second phase of a process designed to make changes to SG’s internal structure and external outreach processes with an open meeting Thursday night.

The group began work over the summer to examine how to make SG a more efficient, transparent and effective organization. Goals under consideration include streamlining SG’s executive and legislative hierarchies and roles, increasing interaction with other student organizations and improving relations with the Senate of College Councils, Faculty Council and Staff Council.

“We need to get things pro-

posed so the assembly will actually do something about it before the election cycle,” said task force Chairwoman Cecilia Lopez, an educational administration graduate student.

Members of the committee have reached out to those involved with different elements of SG and UT who would be affected by changes to get feedback and ideas.

“We want to figure out what student organizations, Senate of College Councils, Graduate Student Assembly and Faculty and Staff councils perceive of SG,” said task force Vice-Chairman Mykel Estes. “We didn’t go with a set agenda about what we wanted to change in these relationships. We reached out to find out what they want

to change with us.”

No one except task force members attended the open meeting. Lopez said once proposals are more solid and ready for a vote, students will hopefully be interested in engaging with the task force.

“This is a phase when we’re going to receive feedback from each other,” she said. “We have had very little public participation and feedback. I wonder if it will get more interesting when we say we’re going to vote.”

The group will hold its next meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m. in MEZ 1.202, and members encourage feedback, they said. The task force plans to vote on its final proposal and present it to the assembly before Thanksgiving.

# TRIAL: Questionable testimony, bias cast doubt upon execution

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and killing his three daughters in 1991. A jury found him guilty of arson and murder, sentencing him to death. Willingham was executed in 2004 and maintained his innocence from the start.

Gerald Goldstein, who represents Willingham’s surviving relatives, attempted to prove that Willingham was wrongfully convicted to salvage his reputation. Goldstein argued that fire marshals’ testimonies from the 1992 trial would not have supported conviction of a crime or that Willingham committed arson.

“There’s a lot of BS — bad science — that has been in the fire investigation for a lot of years,” said fire analyst John Lentini.

“If Willingham’s case is based on flawed science, then contemporary cases are probably based on flawed science, too,”

The family’s attorney also accused the former Navarro County District Attorney of “purchasing testimony” in Willingham’s murder trial from his former cellmate, Johnny Everett Webb. Webb asked for immunity for testifying against his cellmate but received reduced charges, Goldstein said.

“Johnny Everett Webb is like a grandfather clock,” he said. “Every time he opens his mouth, it’s like that clock that turns 13 and calls into question everything you’ve heard before.”

Goldstein said the only thing anyone can argue to convict Willingham would be based on forensic science, but the science

itself is flawed.

“It’s not possible to exclude arson because you can always create a scenario that looks like an accident,” said Gerald Hurst, a nationally renowned arson expert. “But there’s nothing in the evidence that suggests arson.”

Willingham’s stepmother, Eugenia, said she did not know in the last week if Judge Baird would even hear the case.

“I’m really emotional in all of this,” she said. “I can’t tell you why. It’s been 18 years.”

Eugenia Willingham and Cameron Todd Willingham’s cousin, Patricia Willingham-Cox, said no matter the outcome of the trial, they will continue to fight for other arsonists on death row who were convicted on faulty evidence.

## NEWS BRIEFLY

### Exxon Mobile grant contributes to company’s UT investments

Exxon Mobil further strengthened their ties to UT with a \$198,000 grant, making them the University’s largest corporate donor.

To date, the Exxon Mobil Corp., which is headquartered in Irving, has invested nearly \$14 million in UT research projects. They also annually recruit at UT, both at the undergraduate and graduate career fairs.

The grant will go to the Cockrell School of Engineering, the McCombs School of Business, the School of Law, the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the Jackson School of Geosciences. The grant will fund scholarships, equipment, academic-related travel activities for students and faculty and other educational pursuits.

Mark Blount, director of development in the University Development Office, said Exxon Mobil based their grant on their corporate core values and goals.

“There’s a relatively even distribution to the departments, but roughly \$35,000 has gone to the Equal Opportunity in Engineering and Women in Engineering programs, as they match the company’s core value of diversity,” he said.

Compared to other large oil and gas corporate donors — including Shell, ConocoPhillips and BP — Exxon Mobil clearly shows interest in having a large percentage of UT hires each year.

“A large percentage of UT students get hired on an annual basis,” Blount said. “The company is a strong match for students in [the science, engineering, business, law and public affairs] disciplines. They also look to the University’s research in the areas of oil and gas recovery and alternative fuels.”

—Preethi Srikanth

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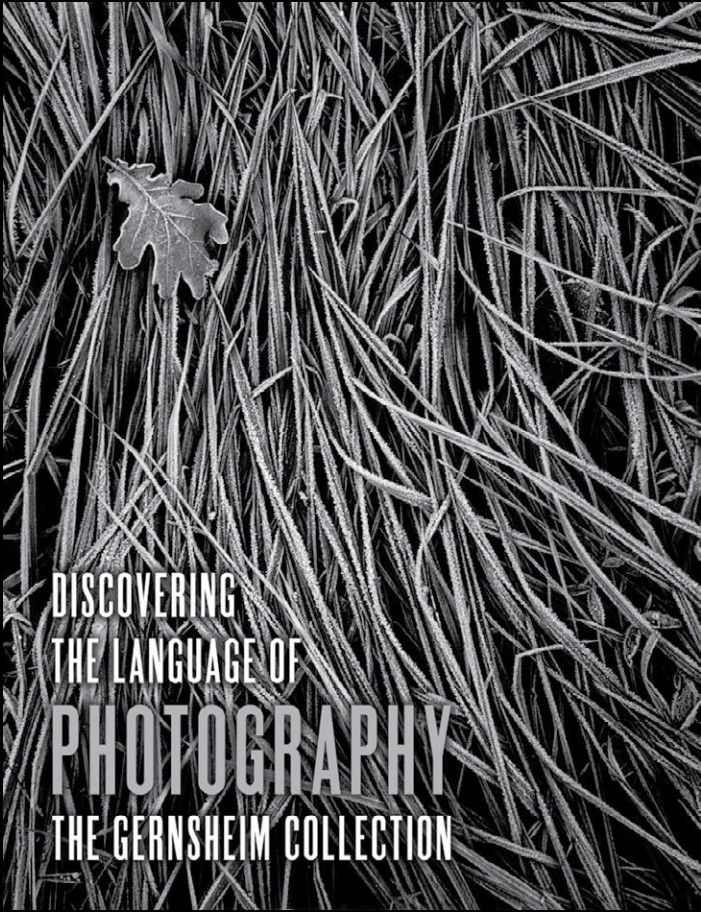
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# Marathon series challenges runners to go the distance

By Yvonne Marquez  
Daily Texan Staff

About 1,500 runners will crowd Burnet Road from the Austin IBM Research campus to The Domain on Sunday for the IBM Uptown Classic 10K Fun Run.

The race, which will take place on one of Austin's flattest courses, is the first race in the Austin Distance Challenge, a series of road races that increase in distance, starting with 6.2 miles and ending with 26.2 miles, said Austin Distance Challenge manager Rob Wetzel. The races include: Run for the Water 10-mile race on Oct. 31, the Austin Runners Club Decker Half Marathon on Dec. 12, the 3M Half Marathon and Relay on Jan. 30 and finally, the Livestrong Austin Marathon on Feb. 20.

"The challenge is the series itself and we really push our runners," Wetzel said. "It's really a test of endurance and mental will. It's a gratifying experience even if you are a beginner runner or an experienced runner."

Amy Saberian, an attorney and a 2003 UT law alumna, will participate in the challenge for her third consecutive year. She had not run anything more than a 10K before she did the challenge the first time. Saberian, 34, entered her first distance challenge three years ago wanting to complete a half marathon before she turned 33.

"I get a lot of satisfaction that I've completed all the races, espe-

cially during the winter months when it's just easy to lay around the house or sit on the couch and eat a lot of cheese," Saberian said. "It's a good time of the year to be motivated and these races keep you in check."

Saberian does two short runs during the week and one long run during the weekend to train for the races. She said the biggest obstacle in running is taking time to stretch and preventing injuries because it takes more time than people realize.

“The challenge is the series itself and we really push our runners.”

— Rob Wetzel  
Austin Distance Challenge manager

that is sponsored by the St. David's Foundation and the YMCA of Austin. It is a free 10-week program that focuses on changing the attitudes of families about the importance of healthy living, including exercise and nutrition, said program director Roberto Ayala.

"The idea is that we're trying to give families that might not have the opportunities to learn about this and families that are disproportionately obesity affected," Ayala said. "That's the purpose of it being free to the community: to help families that might not have the resources to get help."



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Lauren Dugan sets up for her lecture on Alien Invaders, discussing animals and plants entering new foreign lands.

## Foreign species invade Texas habitats

By Amy Thornton  
Daily Texan Staff

The alien species that are invading Texas are not extraterrestrials but they have the potential to wreak havoc on native Texas communities.

In a lecture at Brackenridge Field Laboratory on Thursday night, integrative biology graduate student Laura Dugan explained the problem of invasive species, which are plants and animals that are introduced to a region outside of their historic geographic range.

The lecture was sponsored by Science Under the Stars, a group of graduate students in the UT Section of Integrative Biology who work to enhance the relationship between research biolo-

gists at UT and the local community through the lecture series.

"I heard a story about a student who had recently returned from a trip in Africa, set down his luggage and returned to find a black mamba snake in his living room," Dugan said. "Increased travel can create a huge problem of hitchhikers across the globe."

As community members and UT students sat outside listening to a chorus of crickets, Dugan spoke about the impacts of invasive species, the reason they are spreading and the methods being employed to combat them. One of the greatest threats to global biodiversity because of predation and competition, invasive species can include or-

ganisms such as red imported fire ants from South America and Chinaberries in Texas.

With modern global travel, species are being transported all over the world through unintentional means such as plane traffic or ship ballast water and intentional reasons such as pet trade and erosion control. Because of the destructive impact the plants and animals can have, researchers and officials are taking steps to stop invasives, including legally banning their transport and increasing public awareness.

Currently, there are at least 122 known invasives in Texas, including Africanized honey bees, and the costs to prevent, monitor and control them across

the United States totals \$13 million a year.

Since the 82-acre research station doesn't have regular public hours, the Science Under the Stars lectures take place during the main times that Brackenridge Field Laboratory is open to the public.

"There are a lot of science talks that happen at UT," said Eben Gering, an integrative biology graduate student. "However, Science Under the Stars presents talks that are more accessible and applicable to the community."

The lecture series will continue next month with a talk on sperm biology, which will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Brackenridge Field Laboratory on Lake Austin Boulevard.

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## HIV: Budget cuts may endanger services

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deep cuts to HIV prevention programs at State Health Services: \$196 million was spent in 2010 on HIV and sexually transmitted disease prevention efforts, \$187.6 million is budgeted to be spent on those programs in 2011 and only \$168 million has been requested for 2012.

Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, who announced Wednesday he was challenging current House Speaker Joe Straus for the powerful position, said he believes that the education and health and human services budgets should bear the burden of the budget cuts.

"We haven't gotten down to those levels on each and every one of those issues," Chisum said, when asked if the HIV medication program should be cut.

Multiple attempts to contact current Appropriations Committee Chairman Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, were unsuccessful but in an interview last week with The Dallas Morning News, he said the long-term costs of reducing spending on the HIV medication program could outweigh the short-term savings.

Cuts to the HIV medication program are a non-starter for Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, who's a member of the Public Health Com-

mittee and has been involved in past budget negotiations.

"It's real simple, cut something else," he said. "We're human beings, this is where being human matters. If [cutting this program] is the choice of our legislature, then shame on them. The purpose of this program is to save lives."

Even though State Health Services hasn't designated the HIV medication program for cuts as part of its budget request to the Legislature, it could lose funding.

"The final budget is not written based on those recommendations, it's based on how much money you have and what the [conference committee] wants to cut," Coleman said.

Coleman said that cuts to the HIV medication program were proposed by Gov. Rick Perry and others during the 2003 legislative session, when the state was facing a \$10 billion deficit — less than half of the current projected deficit. The program was ultimately spared.

Cuts to the program would also make it more difficult for nonprofit organizations and charities to assist low-income HIV patients.

"It would be pretty detrimental," said Erin Bechnel, director of access services at AIDS Services of Austin. "If they were without a means to obtain medication, it impacts their entire life and to main-

tain any other sustainability for their basic needs."

Outside of the Texas HIV Medication Program, ASA has helped provide 77 people pay for their HIV medication. Bechnel said agencies such as ASA would be unable to help out in any significant way because of their financial condition.

"We already struggle when it comes to medication assistance to maintain the 77 clients we've already assisted," she said. "Last year, we had to implement a sliding scale and we're looking at capping assistance because we can't assist everyone coming in."

As the budget battles rage on, the once sophomore, now a UT graduate student, works to deal with the side effects of the drugs he has to take — vivid dreams, nightmares and nausea — and the social toll of the disease.

"Whenever I meet people, I start planning how I'm going to tell them I'm positive," he said. "What will their reaction be? Will they accept me? Will they reject me? Will they tell others?"

He's improved significantly since his diagnosis, in part, because he says he takes his medicine every night. In the spring, just a few miles from his apartment, state leaders will debate funding for the program, which provides the medicine that keeps him alive.

### HIV INFECTIONS IN 2009

New HIV infections per 100,000 people

Location	New HIV infections per 100,000 people
Houston (Harris County)	31.6
Dallas (Dallas County)	35.9
San Antonio (Bexar County)	19.3
Austin (Travis County)	19.5



SOCCKER

# Texas hopes to kick road play up a notch

Once a potent offense, Longhorns floundering against conference teams

By Lauren Giudice  
Daily Texan Staff

Texas has proven that it has the ability to score in games against Navy, Virginia and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

But in their last three games, they have only scored one goal in total.

The Longhorns, who are 1-2-2 in Big 12 play, need to perform at their highest potential at their away games this weekend against Missouri and Iowa State.

The team, which has only scored twice in Big 12 play, needs to be a threat on offense to keep up with the Tigers, a team with the ability to net goals in a hurry.

Missouri is led by senior forward Alysha Bonnick, who is tied for fifth for the most goals in the Big 12, and the team boasts 10 goals in conference play.

Missouri, last year's Big 12 champions, split their games last weekend by beating Colorado and losing to Nebraska.

Although they are excellent on offense, their defense is suspect. The Tigers have already given up nine goals in Big 12 play, and to win, Texas will need to capitalize on this deficiency.

"The team focus this season has centered around mov-



Senior Kirsten Birkhold dribbles past a Brigham Young defender looking to score in a game earlier this season.

Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan file photo

ing forward," said Texas sophomore midfielder Kristin Cummins. "For me, I want the ball, I want it in front of the goal and I want it in the back of the net.

It's a simple mentality." Though it is simple enough to say, this point of focus has yet to emerge for the Longhorns this season. They have

only two goals so far against conference opponents, the fewest goals scored of any team in Big 12 play.

Iowa State, Texas' opponent on Sunday, is coming off a four-game losing streak against Oklahoma, Oklahoma State,

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VOLLEYBALL

# Horns' kill count rises as team plans to battle Raiders

Injury-plagued Longhorns put three-game win streak to the test in home game

By Austin Laymance  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns are killing the competition.

Texas returns home Saturday to face Texas Tech after a two-game road trip, riding a three-match win streak with much of the Longhorns' recent success a product of their balanced play.

Texas had five players with double-digit kills in Wednesday's victory over rival Oklahoma. Junior middle blocker Rachael Adams paced the No. 11 Longhorns with 16 kills while senior outside hitter Juliann Faucette and junior outside hitter Amber Roberson chipped in a pair of 13-kill efforts. Sophomore opposite hitter Sha'Dare McNeal and senior middle blocker Jennifer Doris added 10 kills each.

Freshman libero Sarah Palmer led a balanced Longhorns defense against the Sooners with 12 digs while McNeal added 10 digs for her third kill-dig double-double of the season.

Freshman setter Hannah Allison also contributed 10 digs while Faucette and Roberson just missed out on double-doubles, finishing with nine digs apiece.

Adams earned Big 12 Player of the Week honors for the second straight week Monday, and has continued her impressive play as she looks to receive the award for the third week in a row. She has led the Longhorns in kills in eight of the last nine matches.

Texas head coach Jerrett Elliott is working with a short rotation as the Longhorns are still

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Season opens against familiar foe

By Sara Beth Purdy  
Daily Texan Staff

Despite inconsistencies connected with the renovations at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center that forced the closure of the pool throughout their summer practice schedule, the Longhorns are poised for an exciting season. Texas travels this weekend to compete against the University of California in their first true contest of the season.

Diving coach Matt Scoggin praised the team for how they have handled these less-than-ideal conditions.

"When we moved back in, things weren't exactly perfect just yet, but kudos to the team for really not throwing a single complaint up through the whole month," he said. "They are ready to go."

Swimming and diving head coach Kim Brackin mirrored Scoggin's optimism despite the renovations, maintaining that the team is "well-conditioned" heading into the fall.

The team has positive expectations as it heads to California — the same place they began their 2008 campaign.

"Just knowing what the pool looks like and having that sense of familiarity is a positive thing," Brackin said.

This sense of familiarity will go a



Amanda Martin | Daily Texan Staff file photo

Maren Taylor completes a dive during a meet against SMU last season. The diver completed a diving sweep that day.

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CROSS COUNTRY

# Runners poised to sprint to victory

By Bri Thomas  
Daily Texan Staff

This Saturday, the Longhorns will take part in the Princeton Invitational and Concordia Invite in Cedar Park.

While the matches won't be filled with top teams, they are equally important to helping assist

tant coach John Hayes accomplish his goals.

"Our teams are looking just fantastic, with new people and returning experience," Hayes said. "Our depth is getting better, and I'm prepared to see who's going to be out in front."

The team is sending the top 12

men most likely to bring home a win to Princeton, while Concordia's meet will boast middle distance runners.

Despite already competing in a couple of events, Hayes considers this to be the first real

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# Upcoming tournament a gauge for Big 12 meet

By Julie Thompson  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns will split up this weekend, with seven runners competing at the ISU Pre-Nationals Invitational in Indiana and six running at the Concordia University Invitational in Round Rock.

The Pre-Nationals Invite will feature runners from 80 teams competing between two races. Each school is only allowed to send seven runners.

With the Big 12 Championships taking place in two weeks, it's important for head coach Steve Sisson to have the rest of the team compete this weekend.

"The idea is to basically have them run the same day, keep them on the same training schedule and go into the Big 12 meet with the best nine athletes on the starting line," Sisson said.

The Longhorns posted

perfect scores at the first two meets — placing runners in all top five spots. Sisson, however, feels that the smaller initial meets are too different from Pre-Nationals for him to accurately predict how his team will do.

"We are happy with the races we have had," Sisson said. "We are running a little blind on where we are at from a racing perspective. You have to get into the storm and see how you respond to the storm. I am confident they will do well but I am interested to see how it turns out."

Sisson said that Pre-Nationals differs from the season's previous meets in the mental challenges it presents. Although the team has not used strategy so far in the season, for Pre-Nationals each athlete will have

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Brian Rhodes-Devey prepares to run in a Texas Relay event last season. Rhodes-Devey will represent Texas in the Princeton Invitational.



Derek Stout  
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SIDELINE

## MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



### Princeton Invitational

Date: Saturday  
Time: 9 a.m.

Where: Princeton, N.J.

Course Distance: 8K

Who: Nathan Christianson

Leon Dean

Ryan Dohner

Bradley Lowry

Patrick McGregor

Will Nation

Joey Niland

Brian Rhodes-Devey

Austin Roth

Brock Simmons

Collin Smithz

Phil Wood

### Concordia University Invitational

Date: Saturday

Time: 8 a.m.

Where: Cedar Park

Course Distance: 5K

Who: Logan Gonzales

CJ Jessett

Raymond Joseph

John McNamara

Mike Quercia

Chase Rathke

Keven Rayes

Kirk Wilkinson

## WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



### ISU Pre-Nationals

Date: Saturday

Time: 10 a.m.

Where: Terre Haute, Ind.

Course Distance: 6K

Who: Allison Mendez

Christina Henderson

Julie Amthor

Mia Behm

Laleh Mojtabaezamani

Marielle Hall

Megan Siebert

### Concordia University Invitational

Date: Saturday

Time: 8 a.m.

Where: Cedar Park

Course Distance: 5K

Who: Megan Vasquez,

Ginny Simon

Jordan Clark-Mand

Heather Canizales

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Sara Sutherland

## WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING



### Texas vs. California

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## JOKE OF THE WEEK

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# LINEUP: Texas not discouraged by lack of available players

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without injured junior libero Sydney Yogi, a co-captain, and freshman outside hitter Ashley Bannister. But Texas has not let the injuries get in the way of its improvement in recent weeks. “We have had so many different lineups and so many people out at different times,” Elliott said. “The team continues to learn how to work well together and that is important for us as we gain continuity. We haven’t had it most of the year, so it is nice to see us start coming together.”

During Texas’ three-match win streak, the Longhorns have dominated the competition, dropping just one set to Oklahoma after a pair of sweeps against Colorado and Kansas State. The Longhorns sit behind No. 3 Nebraska in the Big 12 standings and are two games behind the Cornhuskers, who are undefeated in league play. Texas Tech is last in the Big 12 with a 1-7 conference record while the Red Raiders have only won three matches in the year. Texas is undefeated against Texas Tech in 18 matches under Elliott.



Rachael Adams goes in for the kill versus Colorado on Oct. 6. Their victory against the Buffaloes marked the beginning of their three-game win streak

Andrew Torrey  
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# ROAD: Multi-goal games continue to elude Horns

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Nebraska and Colorado. Iowa State is 11th in the Big 12 with a record of 1-4. “We want to score four and five goals a game so we can prove that we can score that much,” Cummins said. However, Texas’ hopes of a high-scoring game will be difficult to manage because Iowa State’s goalie Maddie Jobe has been a very strong player and has the fifth most saves in the Big 12. “[Scoring multiple goals a game is] hard to do when you play against teams in the Big 12 because their mentality is very defensive, so we are going to have to figure out how

to transfer this to our next game,” Cummins said after the team’s win against UW-Milwaukee. The Longhorns have the upper hand in both all-time series’ records, 11-4-2 versus Missouri and 14-2-1 versus Iowa State. Stats and records aside, Texas head coach Chris Petrucelli wants to win away from the 40 Acres. “Iowa State and Missouri are very similar to Baylor in the way that they play, so this was probably good preparation for us,” Petrucelli said last weekend after Texas’ 1-0 win over Baylor. “But we have to go get some wins on the road.”

# DEBUT: Longhorn team features young talent

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long way as the Longhorns face a strong California team lead by sophomore Caitlin Leverenz, junior Liv Jensen and senior Hannah Wilson. Texas brings a team heavy with freshmen, but Brackin is confident that they are where they need to be. “They are doing a great job,” Brackin said. “They understand

that this is the University of Texas and [that] they have to work really hard.” In addition to a large amount of freshman talent, Kathleen Hersey, along with Laura Sogar and Karlee Bispo, lead a strong returning group. The diving team is no less prepared. “Physically we’re stronger than we’ve ever been,” Scoggin said. Junior Lauren Caldwell, soph-

omores Maren Taylor, Diana Wilcox and Samantha Holland and redshirt sophomore Shelby Cullinan lead a diving team that will be a “force to contend with.” The Longhorns surprised California when the two squads last faced off in 2008. This year, Brackin knows the Golden Bears will be ready. “They know when Texas travels to a meet that we’re ready to race,” Brackin said.

# INVITES: ‘Dress rehearsal’ sets tone for Big 12 meet

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racing weekend. “We understand where these meets sit in the whole scheme of things,” Hayes said. “We’ve been focusing on getting mentally prepared, as this weekend will serve as a dress rehearsal of sorts for the conference meet in two weeks.” While runners such as junior Brock Simmons hope to see the


team end up finishing in all of the top five spots this weekend, Hayes is not focused so much on the top spots. “I just want us to end up injury-free and a step closer to being as good of a team as we can possibly be going into the conference meet,” Hayes said. “If we did end up with the top five, that’d be great, too. I just want a win.” Last year, the team struggled after losing several super seniors, but this year’s squad has three guys step-

ping it up in practice to lead the pack. Junior Bryan Rhodes-Devey finished seventh in the finals last year. Patrick McGregor has shown leadership already as a red-shirt freshman, as has newcomer Ryan Dohner. “Things are always different in competitions, though,” Hayes said. “I’m looking for at least two more guys to narrow that gap, so have a good group running up there together. We’ll just have to see how things go this weekend.”


# MEETS: Mental toughness key to upcoming competition

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their own individual race plan. Sisson believes that the most significant tests of this weekend are going to be mental challenges. “Are you ready to go through fire. Are you ready to fight? Are you ready for this to be difficult and to respond to it?” Sisson asked his team. Despite the difficulties ahead, Sisson feels his team has the potential to be massively successful. “This is the best cross-country team I have ever coached,” Sisson said. “I believe these girls are primed and ready to exploit that and show the country that they are a good team and they deserve to be on the conversation about a team that can make it to the national championship.”




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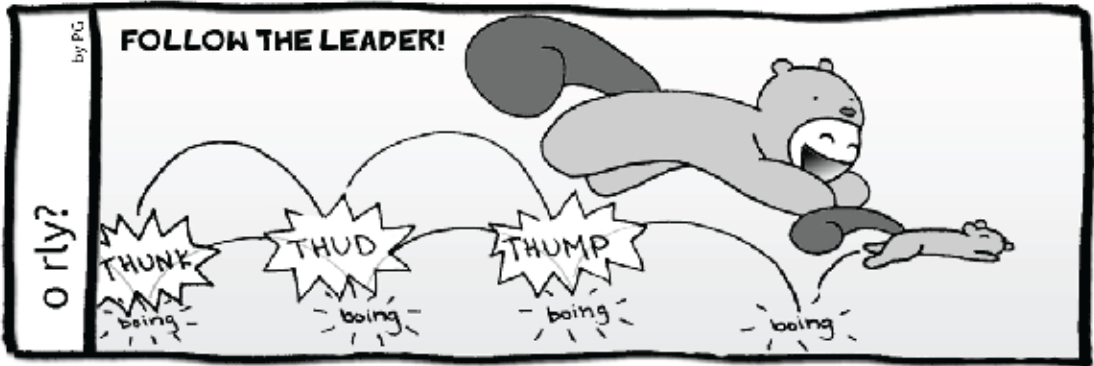
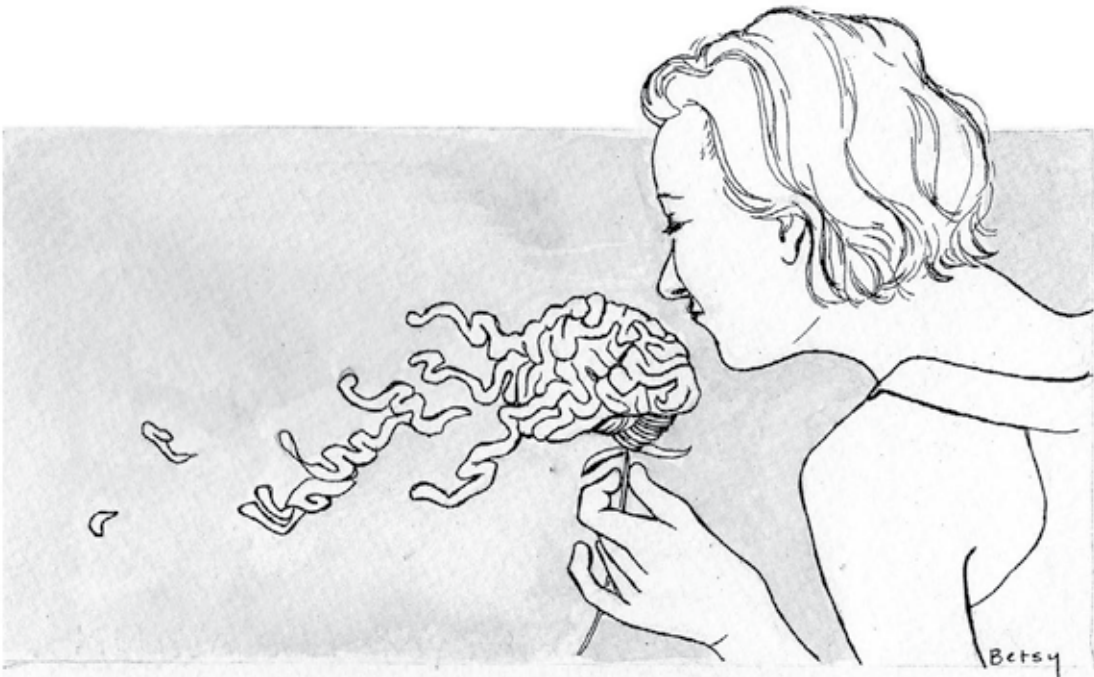
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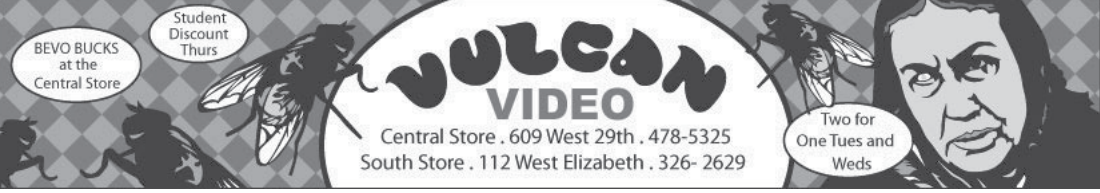
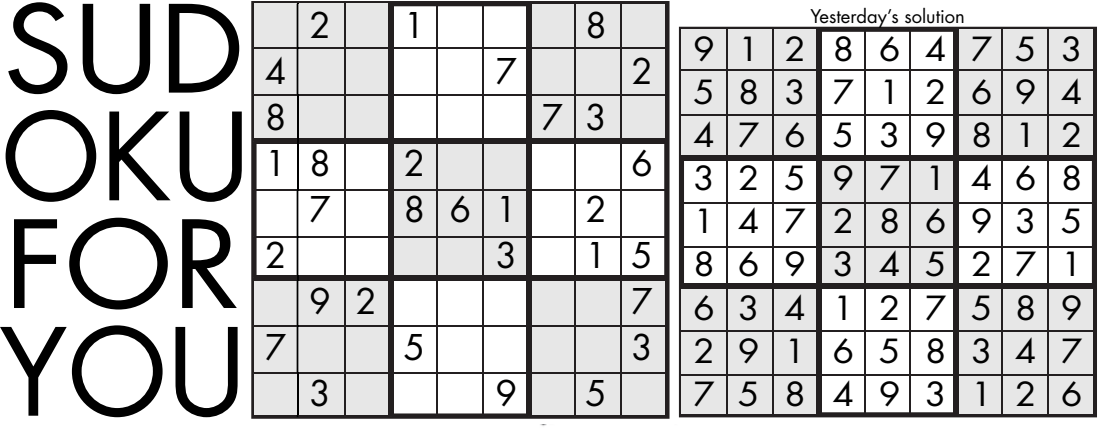
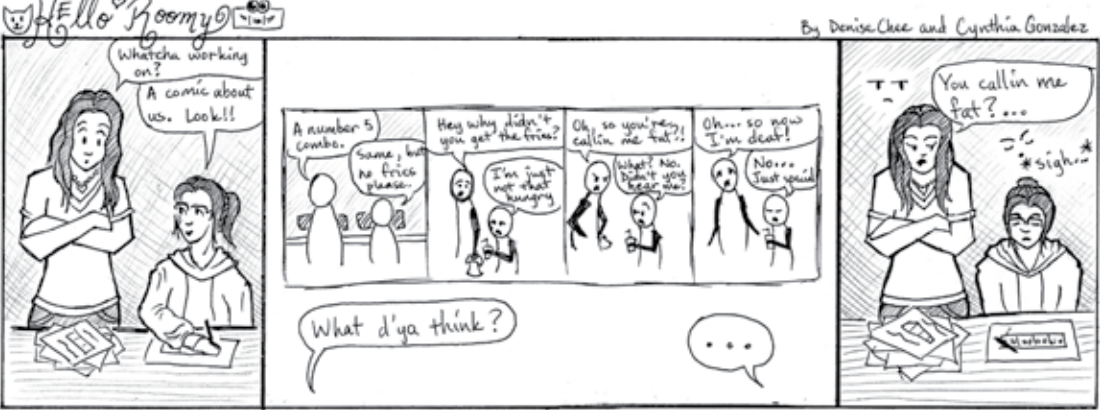


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# Opting to cook over eating out keeps pounds off

HEALTHY  
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By Addie Anderson

Despite efforts by the government, private organizations and schools, obesity rates are still on the rise in the U.S., according to a study published in the International Journal of Obesity in September. The study, written by officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, found that obesity rates among adults have risen by 20 percent over the past four decades because of more foods eaten on the go, less time spent at home cooking and less physical activity.

Convenience foods, such as pizza and fast food, have taken over in many Americans' busy lives, and what's available and convenient is not the healthiest or most nutritious food with added sugars and solid fats. Many Americans have not learned how to cook because they were brought up on convenience foods. However, the top health issues within the country — heart disease, cancer, diabetes and kidney disease — may be prevented by making better food choices.

These added sugars and solid fats make up 40 percent of the diets of children between the

ages of 2 to 18, according to a recent study released by the Journal of the American Dietetic Association. Since teenagers account for much more of the intake, this percentage may be off for younger children, but it's in line with the fact that children of all ages are eating a large amount of sugars and fats, setting the tone for an unhealthy lifestyle. According to the study, the top five sources of energy for kids include grain desserts, such as cookies, cakes and donuts.

"Children's food preferences start young," said UT human ecology lecturer Deanna Staskel. "At about 3 to 5 years old, a lot of your food preferences are being shaped. So, what parents do at that time, it can last as a child gets older."

Some blame the food industry for the health issues in the country. The food industry has put additives — extra sugar, fats and salt — into the food for longer shelf life and cost-efficiency, which has made the food much less nutritious but convenient for anyone to buy. Portion sizes and food labels also create problems.

Many companies, such as Coca-Cola, have been working to make more options available to consumers, especially low and no-calorie beverages. They have created mini-cans of the original beverage and have made the cal-

ories in their products clear by including serving size, as well as the full calorie count, which they weren't doing before recommendations from the Food and Drug Administration.

"Just like there is no one single food or beverage that is the cause of obesity, no one entity can solve the problem alone," said Coca-Cola spokeswoman Diana Ciarlante. "It is essential that we all work together — set aside our differences and work diligently to advance a common goal to help consumers develop healthier habits."

College is a good time to explore food options because students are no longer eating whatever their parents have made for meals. They have the ability to make their own decisions. Many times this leads students to eat fast food and pizza for meals because of convenience or taste. However, students have the ability to choose healthier food options and learn to cook.

"Students should look for variety," said Bethany Dario, a registered dietitian at University Health Services. "If students balance their plates with a meat or protein source, grain and fruits and vegetables and then vary the source of those items, they can meet nutritional needs without much thought."

Being conscious of how you feel after eating is an important



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College students should avoid eating foods high in sugar and fat, such as fast foods, and instead should strive to consume a variety of nutrients.

signal to what's good for you and what's not.

"Your nutrition choices affect your ability to think, to work well, to achieve in school," Staskel said. "I think college is a time when you have a lot of demands on you and stress, and making food choices with so much sugar and alcohol and caffeine, there's a lack of nutrients — we need those nutrients for brain function and for oxygen to flow. That should be motivation. You have the freedom to relearn and decide for yourself."

More cooking in the home is an idea the program suggests in order to cut down on convenience foods and to allow children to learn how to make healthy meals.

"Hopefully there's a chance that people start cooking at home more," Staskel said. "We need to get away from this idea that it's all about convenience and refocus on the fact that the parent is making this impact on their child's whole entire life. Young children are having adult diseases because of their food choices."

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# WALLACE: Author anticipates memento, receives his loafer

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this book?

David Lipsky: [In the Rolling Stone piece] I really wanted to describe why he was alive and I think that is why I released this book. It's like watching the best of the minds at work. And what his writing is like is like a primer for how to be alive. And so it was very hard that this mind had died the way it did. So I thought the best way to tell his story kind of was for him to tell the story himself. He and I had spent five days traveling around when his book "Infinite Jest" came out. And when I started reading it to do the piece about him in Rolling Stone, it was just clear that this was the best way for the reader to spend time with him, not to have to have a biography where you have to cut to have what other people thought about him. Also, his company for me is very much like his writing: incredibly charming, brilliantly smart and incredibly alive.

DT: Was this interview your last contact with David Foster Wallace?

DL: I actually had one more contact with Wallace. He's great to be around and I clearly didn't want to leave. At the end of the book, it's me trying to find reasons to stay in his house, like I'm reporting what's in his garage, I'm reporting what's in his living room. And I clearly didn't want to go home, but I clearly wanted to leave a foot in his world because a week or two after I came home, I got this big package in the mail and I recognized his return address. I wondered if he's sending me some great book he wants me to read, or if there's some terrific thing in there that has to do with him being a writer. And what was in there was my shoe. I left behind one of my loafers. I lift this thing up and there's my giant size 12 loafer with a little note written on Chicago Bears stationary, and he'd written "Yours I presume?" and he'd drawn a smiley face under it. And that's the last I heard from him.

# Verizon, Apple announce iPad deal



Paul Sakuma | Associated Press

In this photo taken April 3, a customer uses an Apple iPad on the first day of sales at an Apple store in San Francisco. In a sign of warming relations between the two companies, Verizon Wireless is going to start selling Apple Inc.'s iPad at the end of this month, the companies said Thursday.

NEW YORK — In a sign of warming relations between the two companies, Verizon Wireless is going to start selling Apple Inc.'s iPad at the end of this month, the companies said Thursday.

The news follows published reports that Verizon Wireless will start selling a version of the iPhone early next year. The companies have not confirmed the reports, and Verizon Wireless has downplayed the possibility of an iPhone for its current network.

AT&T Inc. is Apple's exclusive U.S. carrier for the iPhone. It's also the only U.S. carrier that's compatible with the "3G" version of the iPad, which allows for cellular data access.

Verizon Wireless won't sell the 3G version. Instead, it will sell the Wi-Fi version, with the option of bundling it with a "MiFi" gadget for about \$130. MiFi, a Post-It-pad sized, battery-powered device, connects to Verizon's 3G network and relays the data to the iPad via Wi-Fi. Data plans will start at \$20 per month for 1 gigabyte.

The iPad is also sold by several retail chains, including Best Buy Inc. AT&T said separately Thursday that will also begin selling the iPad in its stores on Oct. 28. The carrier's data plans for the iPad start at \$15 per month.

Verizon Wireless is a joint venture of Verizon Communications Inc. of New York and Vodafone Group PLC of Britain.

—The Associated Press

# SECRET: History left mark on all South, Norris says

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people engaged in these conversations away from the microphone, starting with her own family, Norris said.

"People are reticent to talk about race in the public for a variety of different reasons," she said. "People don't want to come off as insensitive. They don't want to seem like they're dividing people up or that they're out of touch."

It was over breakfast in downtown Chicago one morning when her uncle revealed her father had been shot by the Birmingham police several weeks after he was discharged from military service in World War II.

Her uncle had been expressing his frustration with young people not knowing the sacrifices made so they could vote. During his venting, he spilled the story of her father's shooting. It was the first time Norris had ever heard of it.

"The discovery was shocking," Norris said. "[My father] kept it in the dark because the memory was painful for him, but it was also painful for me thinking

of how difficult it must have been for him to carry that weight around."

Although she had planned on using the anecdote in her book about the hidden conversations of Americans, it was something Norris could not let go. As she felt the story tug harder at her curiosity, Norris realized the book she wanted to write about was her family's silenced conversations.

Norris traveled from her childhood home in Minneapolis through the Deep South, exploring not only the history of her family's suffering during segregation, but also the long-lasting burden carried by whites who once enforced segregation.

"One of the revelations I had deep in my experience, as I was pulled back in time, is that these stories are a part of American history that is in danger of being lost to us," Norris said. "What made this such a rich experience was learning so much about America along the way and how the past prologues to today."

# COOK: Host prefers food to appear natural

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passion of cooking.

With the knowledge from culinary school and experience in television, Robinson combined the two worlds and began working as a culinary producer for food television shows. After working for some time, Robinson's world suddenly changed when she was approached by a team that suggested she have her own cooking show.

"I turned it down at first. I was really looking for the right team to work with," Robinson said. "My training was very ingredient-driven and technique-heavy. So, I took recipes and decided to make them easier for everyone by cutting down the ingredients."

Meeting with Food Network

producers, Robinson decided that five was a simplistic and approachable number of ingredients for a recipe. Many of her television rec-

ipes found their way to print in her cookbook, which included some new approaches to its design. She said she took the idea of using muted colors and matted pages from British cookbooks for her book. Robinson also

had specific desires for how the recipe photos needed to be shot.

"I didn't want them to have a

stylized look. I wanted the food to be shot in natural light only and shot right as they were finished preparing," Robinson said. "Food

has imperfections, but that's what makes it so beautiful. It's how Julia Child would have had her recipe photos shot."

Robinson said she cherishes her collection of cook-

books, which over the years have acquired numerous notes in the margins and a collection of splatter

marks. She doesn't fear any day soon that cookbooks will be available only through the technology of iPads and Kindles.

"[Those devices] aren't for me," she said. "People want something tangible they can write in and look over through the years. Cookbooks will always have a future [in print]."

For Robinson, being a part of a network that has transformed the way people view and execute cooking is still sinking in every day.

"Eating is the one thing that everyone in this world has to do. It brings us all together and makes it a social forum," she said. "The Food Network started this movement to get everyone cooking again."



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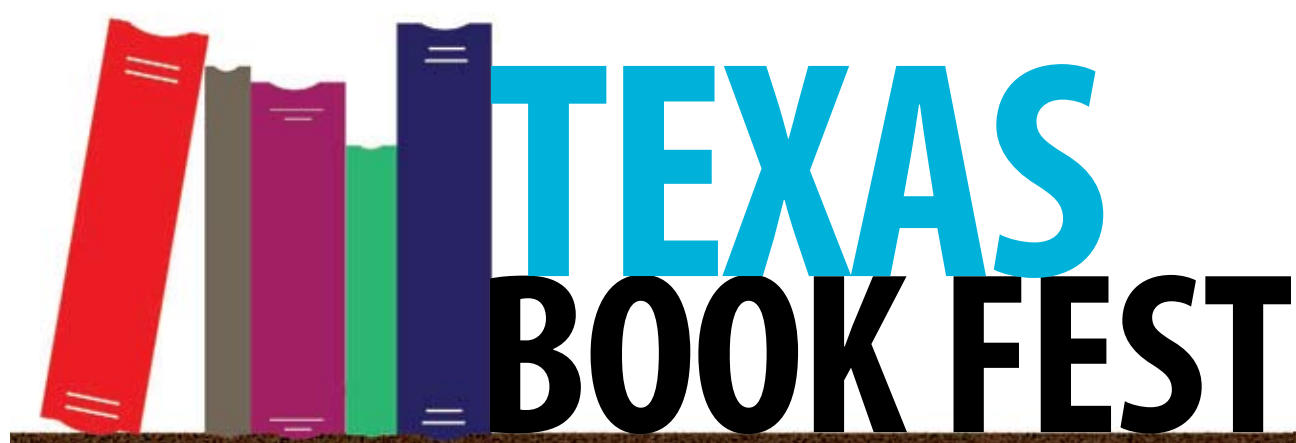
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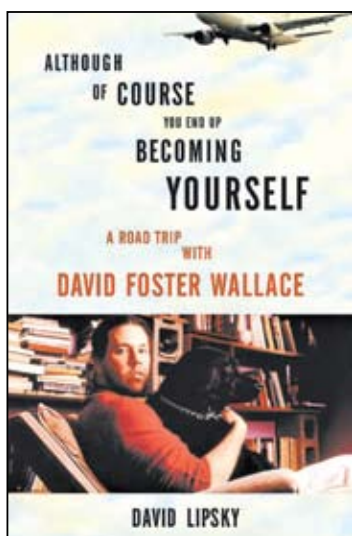
## Rolling Stone journalist writes to commemorate author's life

By Christopher Nguyen  
 Daily Texan Staff

In 1996, writer David Lipsky spent five days with David Foster Wallace at the tail end of the book tour for his critical and commercial literary sensation "Infinite Jest" for a profile in Rolling Stone.

Twelve years later, Lipsky was asked by Rolling Stone magazine to profile Wallace under much different circumstances: Wallace had died by suicide weeks before. While writing the article, Lipsky uncovered the tapes from his interview, the transcripts of which would make up his latest book on Wallace, "Although Of Course You End Up Becoming Yourself: A Road Trip with David Foster Wallace."

The Daily Texan spoke with Lipsky about Wallace, the formation of this book and literature's place today.



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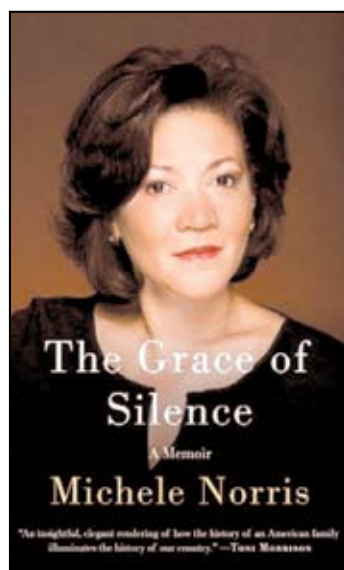
## NPR reporter finds family secrets in race investigation

By Priscilla Totiyapungprasert  
 Daily Texan Staff

When Michele Norris, co-host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," decided to write a book, she hadn't intended to write a memoir.

Norris originally set out to write about what she calls the "hidden conversation on race" in America, or how people after the election of President Barack Obama talk about race in the private sphere. As she began uncovering family secrets and stories her own family had kept hidden in silence, Norris instead took on a cross-country journey to unearth what else her family left in the dark.

Race is an intricate subject with its complicated history, connection to identity and its use as a lever in



the political arena, Norris said.

Before beginning work on her memoir, "The Grace of Silence," Norris had reported on a series of conversations about Obama with different voters. She was inspired by their open, candid responses and wanted to examine how

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## Food Network personality keeps recipes simple

By Layne Lynch  
 Daily Texan Staff

Through the television screen, Claire Robinson has inspired thousands of viewers with her can-do attitude and deliciously approachable recipes with her show "5 Ingredient Fix."

The show's concept ultimately led to an idea for a cookbook, which, by no coincidence, carries the name "5 Ingredient Fix."

This weekend at the Texas Book Festival, Robinson will be in the cooking tent performing cooking demonstrations, as well as promoting her first book. Yet she is still settling

into her new role as an author and admits she never had any inclination she would one day pen a book, let alone be guiding thousands of viewers through the art of cooking on her very own show.

After obtaining a communication degree at the University of Memphis and later working in television production at Memphis' local news station, Robinson decided it was time for a change. She packed her bags, moved to the Big Apple and attended The French Culinary Institute to pursue her

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